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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

UNPREDEP (S/1997/911 and Add.1)

Haiti (S/1997/832 and Add.1)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Morning*	56th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (a)].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/52/L.25) [46].

3. Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260);

      (iii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.26, L.27).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council.

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/555);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.29).

(c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260);

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(i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

(ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. 15th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Exchange of views on the recommendations contained in paras. 43, 44, 48, 85, 89 and 91 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Organizational meeting

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	General Assembly Hall

Appointment of Vice-Chairmen

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia [94]
2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87] (A/52/131 and Add.1-2, A/52/550, A/52/551, A/52/552, A/52/553, A/C.4/52/L.17 to L.21)

   General debate
3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [86] (A/52/13 and Add.1, A/52/311, A/52/372, A/52/415, A/52/423, A/52/503, A/52/578, A/C.4/52/L.10* to L.16)

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Progress reports by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.10 (item 97 (i)), A/C.2/52/L.14 (item 97 (d)), A/C.2/52/L.15 (item 97 (c)), A/C.2/52/L.22 (item 98 (b), A/C.2/52/L.17 (item 97 (g)) and A/C.2/52/L.30 (item 97 (f))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)), A/C.2/52/L.4 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.7 and L.9 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.16 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.23 and L.26 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.28 (item 12) and A/C.2/52/L.32 (item 100)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.43
2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1 and L.38/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.74
3. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.58, L.66/Rev.1, L.67 and L.68*

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.65, L.69/Rev.1, L.70 and L.75

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/52/L.77

7. Closure of the session

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [121] (A/52/30, A/52/439 and A/C.5/52/18)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518)), 118 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267)) and 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Third party liability: temporal and financial limitations (A/C.5/52/L.7))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission will hold a briefing on the substantive issues contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 1997 following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee, *today*, 26 November 1997, in Conference Room 5.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 26 November 1997

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", *today*, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Division on Sustainable Development/DESA on the organization of the Expert Group Meeting on Strategic Approaches to Freshwater Management, to be hosted by the Government of Zimbabwe, in Harare, from 27-30 January 1998, *today*, 26 November 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 27 November 1997

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 17 November 1997, *Thanksgiving Day.*]

Friday, 28 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.*	45th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* The Committee will take action on draft resolution A/C.2/L.6/Rev.1 and all other draft resolutions finalized in informal consultations.

** Immediately following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Tuesday, 2 and Thursday, 4 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Second Committee on the question of the implementation of the Agenda for Development in a renewed United Nations system. The briefing will take place on Monday, 1 December 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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The 233rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 28 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the

provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The 54th meeting of the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court will take place on Monday, 1 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5. The Working Group on international cooperation and judicial assistance will meet in the morning in Conference Room 1, following the adjournment of the 54th meeting of the Preparatory Committee. The Working Group on general principles of criminal law will meet at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

54th plenary meeting

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/52/L.23/Rev.1) [24]

The representative of Japan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/52/L.23/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Cyprus, Monaco, Maldives, San Marino, the United States, the United Arab Emirates, Italy, Guyana, Andorra, Australia and Viet Nam.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.23/Rev.1 (resolution 52/21).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its considerations of agenda item 24.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.38)*

(c) *Amendment (A/52/L.39)*

The representative of Denmark made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.38.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/52/L.39.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Poland, Norway, Malta, Albania, Slovenia and Armenia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

55th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.38)*

(c) *Amendment (A/52/L.39)*

The representative of Armenia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/52/L.39).

The representative of Azerbaijan spoke against the motion.

By 1 vote to 29, with 81 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly proceeded to vote on the amendment (A/52/L.39).

By 104 votes to 1, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the amendment contained in document A/52/L.39 was adopted.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/52/L.38 as amended.

By 126 votes to none, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.38 as amended (resolution 52/22).

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Belarus, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Armenia and Swaziland.

The representative of Estonia made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 40.

Multilingualism [23]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/577)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.35)*

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Andorra, Tunisia, Mexico and Benin.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.35 (resolution 52/23).

Statements in explanation of the vote were made by the representatives Japan and Thailand.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [27]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/211)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.12)*

The Vice-President made a statement on behalf of the President.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.12.

Statements were made by the representative of Ukraine, Myanmar, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Greece, the Marshall Islands, Iraq, the Republic of Korea, Cyprus and Peru.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement in explanation of the vote before the vote.

By 87 votes to none, with 23 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.12 (resolution 52/24).

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 27.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2, A/52/550 to 553) as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/52/131).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Luxembourg (also on behalf of the European Union and the following associated countries-Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 1 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/52/L.10 to 21 relating to agenda items 86 and 87, respectively.

The Committee decided, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to take action on all the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 86 and 87 at its meeting to be held in the morning on Wednesday, 26 November.

24th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the United States, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Tunisia and the Sudan.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Human rights questions [112]:

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69**

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Austria, Norway and Poland.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.70

The representative of Luxembourg introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as the Marshall Islands.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

Following a statement by the representative of Canada, the Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the revised draft resolution.

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.45

The Committee was informed that draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Albania, Bangladesh, Benin, Mauritius, New Zealand, Poland, the Russian Federation, Samoa, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 127 to none, with 16 abstentions.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement regarding his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.56

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba orally revised the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 89 to 3, with 52 abstentions.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement regarding his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of India made a statement.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/52/L.76

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.54

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Australia and Iceland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications and that Poland was not a sponsor.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a vote on the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Yemen and the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 97 to 3, with 47 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Bulgaria and Venezuela.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.62

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Portugal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Turkmenistan and Egypt, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 15, with 43 abstentions.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.71

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bulgaria and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of Kuwait and Iraq, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 94 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bulgaria joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Jordan, the Sudan, Mauritania, Lebanon, Qatar and Morocco, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 68 to 27, with 49 abstentions.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Following statements by the representatives of Cuba and the Russian Federation, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 60 to 23, with 64 abstentions.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Right of reply

The representative of Kuwait made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1997

38th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

39th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan (E/1990/5/Add.30).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946

Accession: Latvia (21 November 1997)*

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted by the Assembly of the Organization by resolution A.735 (18) of 4 November 1993

Acceptance: France, Syrian Arab Republic (18 November 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, concluded at Basel on 22 March 1989

Ratification: Thailand (24 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed until 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace until *today*, 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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